Kaleidoscope - Level B Teacher's Edition, Units 4-6

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Grade Level P4 - 3rd Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content Reading

List Price: 123.32

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Content

The Teacher's Edition contains detailed lesson plans that guide students through five lessons per week. In addition to supporting each selection in the Student Reader, the Teacher's Edition includes lessons that focus on phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary development, comprehension skills and strategies, and writing. A reduced version of each page in the Student Reader appears in the Teacher's Edition.

Student Experiences

Expectations for student participation are listed in the final column of the Lesson Planner chart, which appears prior to Day 1 of each five-day lesson plan.

Assessment

"Quick Check" features in the Teacher's Edition facilitate informal assessment of reading and language arts skills throughout the course of lessons. In addition, questions posed in "Discussing the Selection" allow teachers to informally assess student understanding of stories they have just completed in the Student Reader. On the final day of each five-day lesson plan, the Teacher's Edition provides specific suggestions for conducting assessments for that lesson. Formal assessment is provided by exercises in the Assessment Guide Workbook. Informal assessment activities include class discussions related to the selection and review of various language arts concepts.

Organization

The Teacher's Editions for each grade level are divided into two volumes: one for Units 1-3 and another for Units 4-6. The unit themes in the Teacher's Editions correspond with those in the Student Reader. "Getting Started," which appears prior to Unit 1, provides detailed instructions that guide teachers in setting up their classrooms and evaluating students' strengths and needs. Each unit begins with an Overview that states the unit goals, elaborates the unit theme, and offers tips for introducing the unit to students. Lesson Planner charts detail the five-day plan that coordinates with each selection in the Student Reader. Days 1 and 3 focus on word study and building fluency; Days 2 and 4 focus on reading and rereading the selection in the Student Reader; and Day 5 focuses on lesson assessment and wrap-up activities. Entries in the Teacher's Edition Appendix include: Syllabication, Comprehension Strategy Cards, High-Frequency Words and Activities, Extending Writing Activities, Phonemic Awareness Lessons, and Sound/Spelling Card Stories.

Resource Materials

The Listening Library Audiocassettes and CDs contain recordings that model proficient, fluent reading of the reading selections featured in each lesson. The Decodable Stories and Comprehension Skills books (available as workbook or blackline masters) help

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Available Ancillary Materials

The Assessment Guide and Assessment Guide Annotated Teacher's Edition are used at the completion of each lesson. Language Arts worksheets (available as workbook or blackline masters) provide practice with grammar and mechanics, vocabulary, and spelling sk

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:

This material was reviewed as part of the Kaleidoscope Intervention Reading Program. It is recommended that this program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary Student stories were presented in both CD and audiocassette format. No management program available online or in CD format.	0.00
I.	Reading Content Summary Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate to hold the interest older students with reading difficulties.	
II.	Writing Content Summary This program does not have a fully developed writing program included because it is mainly a reading intervention program. Many missed opportunities to make meaningful writing connections in this pro	
III.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary A strong phonics and grammar strand are included. Could not find an electronic dictionary.	1.69
IV.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary	2.00
V.	Inquiry Content Summary No inquiry component found in this program.	
VI.	Technology Content Summary Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs. No interactive student games or reading comprehension activities included.	
VII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary Easy to follow format that includes several teaching suggestions.	1.45
VIII.	Audience: Student Materials Content Summary The illustrations / photos and the story text were appropriate for older readers. No poetry or drama was included.	1.89
IX.	Format Content Summary Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.	1.86

READING CONTENT

Stories consist of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama included.

WRITING CONTENT

Limited instruction is given is this reading intervention program for authentic writing instruction.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Could not find an electronic dictionary.

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

The only technology component to the Kaleidoscope Program consists of CD and audiocassettes of recorded stories that come with the program.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Focus is on reading development. Emphasis is on reading instruction.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Good selection of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama is included.

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Online resources are available through SRA, but not directly through the Kaleidoscope program.